that two years back the hon. Minister gave an assurance that the system will be eliminated, so far as I remember. Instead of elimination, it has not even been reduced. On the contrary the number of casual labourers in different railways is on the increase. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he has taken up any comprehensive scheme of regularising the entire labour force in casual employment and, if so, what is the scheme, and by when are you going to complete the regularisation of the entire casual labour force.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: It is a new question.

AN HON. MEMBER: The question Hour is over.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am going by my electronic clock. The time is not yet over.

AN HON. MEMBER: What is the reply?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mohsinaji, do you want to say anything?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: I cannot say anything as to when we are going to eliminate.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have time enough to ask a question, but not the answer.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: I will only ask Madam to see whether the policy that the Government took up earlier, namely, the policy of de-casualisation will that be continued or not.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, the hon. Minister should answer 'yes' or 'no'.

(Interruptions)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Ministers are casual. What will happen? Decasualisation of Ministers will have to take place.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Complimentary Railway Passes

*286. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for the issue of complimentary railway passes; and

(b) the number of railway complimentary passes issued under each category during 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Complimentary Passes are issued, based on the guidelines/justification and merit of each case.

(b) 25 Complimentary Card Passes and 382 Complimentary Cheque Passes were issued during 1985-86.

Grant-in-aid Programme for development of roads

*288. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government sponsored a grant-in-aid programme for development of roads of economic and inter-State importance;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with reference to the State of Andhra Pradesh and what is the yearly release to the State Government under the scheme for the years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(c) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has recently written a letter to adopt the 1969 pattern of grant-in-aid and whether any proposal for 36 works worth Rs. 1860 lakhs was also sent to Central Government under the scheme; and